

## START HEDDING RELOCATION AT MOLINE MEET

Intensive Campaign to Raise Nearly \$2,000,000 for Endowment and Buildings Planned.

Organization of the Hedding college relocation development was effected in the Moline Chamber of Commerce rooms last night at a gathering of business and professional men of Rock Island and Moline.

Representatives of the department of finance of the board of education of the Methodist Episcopal church, under the direction of Dr. John W. Hancher, are cooperating with the Moline Chamber of Commerce and representatives of the college in a program for the increase of the endowment fund of the institution in the immediate future to \$1,000,000 and for the construction of modern college buildings in Moline involving an outlay of between \$500,000 and \$750,000.

Adopting the "Hedding Relocation Development" as a name for the movement, a temporary organization was effected by the election of Stephen Albrecht, general chairman; Robert C. Shalberg, treasurer; and Professor L. G. Morrell, Hedding college faculty, secretary.

Robert Rank, Cedar Wood and Hammond W. Whitte, were appointed to serve in conjunction with a similar group of Hedding college trustees as a committee on site, and Edward Wilson, R. C. Shalberg and O. E. Child were named as a committee on form of subscription.

**Call for Committee.**  
The intensive period of the campaign will be from July 5 to 17, inclusive, and a call was issued for a meeting in the Moline Chamber of Commerce next Friday night by a committee of 50 representing Rock Island, Moline, East Moline and other communities of Rock Island county which will be addressed at the conclusion of a dinner by Dr. John W. Hancher and Dr. John W. McDougall.

A permanent organization will be effected at the dinner gathering and plans for the development project will be further formulated.

Dr. Clarence W. Greene, president of the college, last night pointed out that while the college is "under the auspices of the board of education of the Methodist Episcopal church, it is not a theological or sectarian school, but a full-fledged college of liberal arts and is organized on the same basis as the liberal arts department of a state university."

He stressed the point that no special denominational requirements are imposed, but that pupils of all religious faiths are welcomed as members of the student body.

He explained how Hedding college, in his opinion, would within a brief period bring \$500,000 annually to the community.

Discussing the reasons for relocation, Dr. Greene pointed out that a modern college in order to maintain an efficient educational program must have a good field from which to draw students and efficient means of transportation, and that Moline offered such advantages. Surveys, he maintained, prove that approximately half the student body come from within a radius of 50 miles of the college.

**Needs Better Field.**  
Hedding's present location at Abingdon is too close to similar institutions, while in Moline, Hedding and Augustana colleges would be the only colleges within a 50-mile radius in which approximately 140,000 people have access to the Tri-City railway, and railroads which provide media of transportation of exceptional value to an educational center.

Dr. Greene emphasized the fact that Hedding college would "not only be a commercial, but an intellectual and moral asset, that the cost of a college education is greatly reduced by having a college within easy reach, and that the existence of such a liberal arts college increases educational opportunities."

## SCHOOL SAVINGS

Horace Mann, Eugene Field and Hawthorne, were the three leading schools in the school savings collection made by State Bank Friday. The school savings were:

Center Station	\$22.17
Edison	4.1
Eugene Field	7.52
Francis Willard	6.66
Franklin	1.76
Grant	20.10
Hawthorne	22.55
Horace Mann	38.37
Irvine	14.43
Kemble	10.13
Lincoln	13.35
Longfellow	17.40
Lowell	2.56
Washington	17.42
Totals	\$232.80

## CRUELTY BASIS OF DIVORCE BILL

Pauline Lindberg, Moline, today filed suit in circuit court for divorce from Carl Lindberg on grounds of cruelty. They were married April 3, 1920, in Moline, and lived together until May 3, 1922.

## SERVUS BUILDING TO BE STARTED JUNE 15

Officials of the Servus Rubber company hope to see dirt flying in the erection of their first unit by June 15. Plans and specifications will be submitted to contractors next week if possible.

Two magnificent trees had to be sacrificed on the site on which the company will build. Workmen are busy in filling and removal operations, and the foundation will shortly be under way.

## Obituary

**A. P. Aronson.**  
Death claimed A. P. Aronson, aged 87 years, at 8:45 o'clock last evening in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Andrew J. Lyons, Illinois City. He had been residing there the last six years.

Although Mr. Aronson had not lived in Rock Island, he had many friends in this vicinity who mourn in state at the Esterdahl chapel, the last 18 months.

The body is to be taken to Orion, his former home, where funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in the Swedish Lutheran church, of which he was a member. Burial will be in the Orion cemetery. Remains will lie in state at the Esterdahl chapel, Moline, until Tuesday morning, for friends who wish to call and pay their last respects.

Mr. Aronson was a native of Sweden and was born July 14, 1834. For many years he had been employed as a watchman for the Burlington road, having retired in recent years.

He leaves to mourn his loss four sons, Aron Anderson, Davenport; Carl Anderson, Galesburg; Fritz Anderson, Davenport; and Oscar Aronson, Orion; three daughters, Mrs. Maria Lyon, in whose home he died, Mrs. Anna Swanson, Rock Island, and Mrs. Erick Johnson, Minnesota. A brother, Carl Fredrick of Sweden, also, mourns his loss.

**Miss Kate Stanton.**  
Miss Kate Stanton, aged 63 years, resident of Rock Island 28 years, passed away at 3 o'clock this morning in the home of her sister, Mrs. Henry Butler, 805 Twelfth avenue, Rock Island. She had been ill nine weeks, death resulting from a stroke of paralysis.

Miss Stanton was born in Rock Island April 14, 1859, and was educated in the Rock Island schools. She was housekeeper of the St. James hotel, Davenport, 25 years. She was a member of St. Joseph's church. Surviving are a brother, Richard Stanton, Oakland, Cal., and two sisters, Miss Mary Stanton and Mrs. Henry Butler, both of Rock Island.

Funeral services will be held at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning in St. Joseph's church. Rev. P. H. Durkin, pastor of the church, will conduct the service. Burial will be in Calvary cemetery.

**Mrs. Ored L. Smith.**  
Mrs. Ored L. Smith, aged 40 years, a resident of Rock Island 14 years, passed away at 12:05 o'clock, midnight, in the family residence, 1157 Forty-fourth street, Rock Island. Mrs. Smith suffered an attack of influenza two years ago and had been failing since, until the end came peacefully this morning.

Mrs. Smith, who was formerly Miss Pearl Whiteide, was born in Aleo, April 14, 1882, and came to Rock Island in 1908. She was married to Ored L. Smith Dec. 4, 1907. She was a member of the First Baptist church, Rock Island, chapter No. 269, Eastern Star, and the Rock Island Woman's club.

Surviving are the widow, a daughter, Thelma; two sons, Meredith and Frederick, all at home; a sister, Mrs. W. J. Sterner, Aleo; two brothers, Frank W. and Ored Whiteide, both of Aleo, and the parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Whiteide, Aleo.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 o'clock Monday afternoon in the family residence. Rev. George A. Sheets, pastor of the First Baptist church, will conduct the service. Burial will be in Chippanock cemetery.

**Funeral of Mr. Fullmer.**  
Funeral services for Edgar L. Fullmer, 217 Seventeenth street, Rock Island, who died in Waukegan, Wis., were held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon in the Hodgson & Hoban funeral parlors. Rev. George A. Sheets, pastor of the First Baptist church, conducted the services. Burial was in Chippanock cemetery.

**Funeral of Mrs. Johns.**  
Funeral services for Mrs. Fred Johns will be held at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon in the family residence, 817 Twenty-second street, Rock Island. Rev. W. G. Oglevee, pastor of the South Park Presbyterian church, will conduct the service. Burial will be in Chippanock cemetery.

**Funeral of Mr. Johns.**  
Funeral services for George M. Lukens, well known printer, who fell dead in the garden at his home on Thirty-eighth street, Rock Island, were held at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the family residence. Rev. Charles Harper, pastor of the Presbyterian church, conducted the services. The pallbearers were Harry M. Schriver, Jacob Ramser, J. B. Eckhart, John Campbell, Charles Darling and George Glockhoff. Burial was in the William Carr cemetery.

**Funeral of Mr. Lundeen.**  
Funeral services for Herman Lundeen were held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon in the home of his sister, Mrs. Amanda Bergquist, 1200 Glenhurst court, Rock Island. Rev. Karl Nilsson, pastor of the First Swedish Lutheran church, conducted the service. Burial was in Chippanock cemetery.

## SENIOR CLASS IS ENTERTAINED BY JUNIORS AT HIGH

The first Rock Island high school commencement event of the season was held last night when the juniors entertained the seniors at a reception in the Manual Arts building. The reception was opened by a brief program at which Dorothy Mann gave a reading. Presentation of gifts was made by Katherine McGone, Herbert Ryerson, president of the junior class, presided at the program. The remainder of the evening was enjoyed in games and dancing. Music was furnished by Herbert's orchestra. Refreshments were served.

## FREIGHTHOUSE AT RIVER WILL BE TORN DOWN

City Officials Say Historic Place Must Go in Cleanup of Levee.

Destruction of Rock Island's old river front landmark is planned by the city administration, in an effort to clear the ancient Diamond Jo, Streckfus and White Collar line dock house from the river front. The old structure has outlived its usefulness and high water and decay in recent years have left it a battered hulk with few traces of its pride of former days. It stands at the river's edge at the foot of Nineteenth street.

Anticipation of big times on the levee during the gala weeks of June 24 to July 4 has resulted in the city officials to clean up the river front. The biggest job in this cleanup campaign will be to remove the old steamboat freight-house and to grade over its site. Commissioner Frank Wich, of the department of streets and public improvements, took the levee cleanup job in hand this week and expects to get his men to working on various parts of it next week.

Date of erection of the old boat-house is not of record, but it saw river traffic at its height and declined and fell with that traffic. Time was when much of the freight received in this city went up the gangplank from the packet steamers and through the now Diamond Jo freight-house. Now the place is in temporary use as a storage warehouse, though still controlled by the Streckfus steamboat line. That river front land is the city's property, and a lease of the ground on which the house stands expired recently. No rent has since been paid.

A request that the building be razed will be sent by the city to the Streckfus people. If the work is not done by a specified date, city workmen will tear the place down.

**Much Grading Needed.**  
The river front will require much work to clean it up for the pageant weeks. Numerous depressions have to be filled and debris of all kinds must be removed. Eventually, however, and well before June 24, when the pageant and parade begin, the river front will be cleaned and cleared of all dangers. The city officials have visions of a clean, if rocky, slope of river front from the railroad tracks to the river's edge, and from Seventy-first street to Twentieth, in place of the present litter of debris with obstructions such as the old freight house and numerous parked express trucks which now block the ideal park site of the city.

**Negroes Beat  
AND ROB KANSAN**  
Harry Franklin Beaten by Two Men in Burlington Yards; Pockets Rifled.

Two negroes knocked down Harry Franklin, Thayer, Kan., and took \$20 and other belongings from his pocket at 1:15 o'clock this afternoon, in the Burlington railroad yards. Twenty-first street and First avenue. Striking him with a blunt weapon they inflicted a deep two-inch scalp wound over his left temple.

Franklin, who came from Davenport this morning, changed a \$20 bill in buying a drink at a Third avenue soda drink bar at 1 o'clock. He remembered seeing two negroes in the place, who left when he did and were behind him when he went down Twenty-first street toward the yards. In a secluded place there, he later told the police, the two negroes seized him and when he started to fight him with some sort of a weapon. When he came to, he found himself in the spot where he had been attacked. Blood was streaming down his face, and his pockets were empty. Officer Charles Miner took him into the station where Dr. Joseph DeSilva was called to dress the wound. The negroes escaped.

**WOMAN AND TWO  
MEN IN CUSTODY  
FOR AUTO THEFT**  
(Special Moline Service.)  
An automobile, owned by W. S. Bagen, of Davenport, which is said to have been stolen Thursday afternoon in Moline, was recovered last night in Davenport. Louis Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wiseman of Silvis, who were riding in the machine, were arrested on complaint of Mr. Batten.

They were unable to give bonds in the sum of \$1,500 when arraigned in Moline police court this morning, and were committed to the county jail. The case was continued until Monday.

Batten says the machine was stolen Thursday afternoon while it was parked at Fourth avenue and Eleventh street, Moline.

**JOHN A. WITTWER  
LEAVES M'CAVE'S**  
After serving 14 years in charge of the wallpaper and picture framing department of L. S. McCabe & Co., John A. Wittwer, 1903 Marquette street, Davenport, has retired from business activities.

Before beginning his term of service at L. S. McCabe & Co. Mr. Wittwer was in charge of a similar department at Young & McCombs, 10 years.

Two of his daughters operate wallpaper and picture frame stores in Davenport, and a son conducts a Moline store in the same line of business. His long business connection has given Mr. Wittwer a large acquaintance in the tri-cities.

## Personal Points

Mr. and Mrs. Morris D. Cook, 3225 Thirteenth avenue, are the parents of a daughter. This is their second child. Mrs. Cook was Miss Agnes Schillinger before her marriage.

Mrs. Lulu Lewis, 2721 Eighth-and-a-half avenue, and daughter, Mrs. Merle Koch returned last night from Abingdon, where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Lewis' sister, Mrs. Will Terdue. Mrs. Terdue died at Bethel Springs, Tenn., May 29, following an illness of over two years.

Miss Frances Medill, who has been studying expedition at the Columbia school in Chicago, has returned home to spend the summer with her mother, Mrs. Lucy Medill, 1232 Sixth avenue.

Mrs. Arvid Samuelson, 903 Twenty-third street, left last night for Syracuse, Neb., called by the serious illness of her father.

## CARMEN HEADS DISCUSS STRIKE

Executive Committee Confers On Next Step If Men Empower Them to Call Tie-Up.

Members of the executive committee of Davenport, Rock Island and Moline street car operators' unions this afternoon considered plans for future action if the strike vote tonight and tomorrow morning is carried.

The executive committee is composed of four men from the Rock Island local, four from the Davenport local and two men from the Iowa interurban lines. They regarded negotiations with the company as being in a hopeless deadlock this afternoon.

Though we came down to 60 cents an hour as our demand," said a member of the Rock Island delegation, "the highest the company offered was 45 cents an hour. We were not offered 50 cents an hour, though such a figure was mentioned as being a probable offer. Davenport carmen were offered only 43 cents an hour."

"The men will not stand for the 10-cent cut to 45 cents, nor, I believe, for the 5-cent cut to 50 cents, either."

J. B. Wiley, Des Moines, international street carmen's union official, was in conference with the executive board this afternoon and will attend meetings at which strike votes may be taken.

The session convenes at 1 o'clock tomorrow morning and the later meeting is to begin at 10 o'clock, both in the Industrial home, Rock Island.

An actual strike is not expected, but if the car operators vote in favor of such action, their representatives will be furnished this power in discussing wage negotiations.

## PICK 8 JURORS IN GREEKS' CASE

Trial of Men Charged With Fredrick, Ill. Shootings May Get Under Way Today.

Quincy, Ill., June 3.—(By the Associated Press.)—The jury which will try the 29 Greeks charged with the murder of Sheriff Lashbrook and Deputy Sheriffs Neff and Utter, of Schuyler county at Frederick, on April 28, was completed this afternoon.

Quincy, Ill., June 3.—A second special venire of 30 was brought in this morning in an effort to secure a jury in the trial of the 29 Greek laborers, who were charged with the murder of Sheriff Lashbrook, at Frederick, on April 28, has been accepted by both sides.

The last four have been taken by the state and two of these examined by the defense, with the prospects of completing the jury by early afternoon. Opening statements will be made today in the event the selection is finished in order to begin taking testimony Monday morning.

With the exception of three, all of the special venire have been brought in from surrounding villages in order to obviate the objections of the defense on account of their labor organization affiliations.

Weapons alleged to have been used by the defendants in shooting on April 28, have been brought from Rushville on the order of the courts. Another exhibit to be used as evidence is the screen which covered the window of the car in which the Greeks were housed at the time of the tragedy. There are eight bullet holes in this screen, which both sides say were made by shots fired from the inside.

Attorneys for the defense, however, will make the claim that it would have been impossible for occupants of the car to have shot the sheriff from the position it was in.

## PICKPOCKETS AT WORK; CARNIVAL PATRONS VICTIMS

(Special Moline Service.)  
John Cotter, Silvis alderman and constable, was the victim of pickpockets at the carnival grounds in East Moline Thursday night. He reported to the police that he had lost \$3. Another victim was S. A. Swanson of Moline, who reported the loss of a \$14 bill.

Just how many more carnival visitors were "touched" by the light-fingered artists will perhaps never be known.

The Greeks are thoroughly polished. They held four members of the Legion in addition to the regular police, on duty at all times. "Pickpockets will follow a show, no matter how clean the show," said an officer of the legion this morning.

## MAY WAS WARM, EXCEEDS NORMAL ALL BUT 9 DAYS

With 22 days on which temperature in Rock Island was higher than normal, May is shown in the monthly report of Andrew E. Hamrick, meteorologist of the weather bureau at Davenport, to have been a warm month. Just seven of the remaining nine days showed temperatures lower than normal, the other two days being exactly normal.

The mean temperature for the month was 66 degrees, while the normal temperature was 61.5. The second week was exceptionally warm, every day being from 3 to 15 degrees above normal.

Precipitation in the month was 3.87 inches, 32 below normal, and making a deficiency of .94 since Jan. 1. Temperature, however, has shown an excess of 476 degrees since Jan. 1, a daily average excess of 3.9 degrees.

Maximum wind velocity of 31 miles was recorded May 5, and a total wind movement of 5,552 miles was noted.

No frosts were recorded this month but solar halos noted on 2, 9, 13 and 27 and lunar halo May 7.

## NEW TRUSTEES FOR CEMETERY

County Judge Landee Follows Recommendations of Calvary Association.

Frank Lawler, Frank J. Math and John A. Murrin, all of Rock Island, and William McClelland, Moline, were appointed trustees of Calvary cemetery association by Judge Frank J. Landee in county court yesterday afternoon.

The appointments were based on recommendations submitted by the officers of the association. The terms are for six years. Four members of the present trustee board, Valentine Nold, Charles A. Whelan, P. H. Kelly and Charles A. Johnson, are holdovers until March 14, 1925.

## WALTER HANSON NEW PRESIDENT MOLINE TURNERS

(Special Moline Service.)

Moline Turner hall will be repaired and new floors will be laid. These and other minor improvements were ordered at the annual meeting of the Turner society last evening. The repairs will probably be completed before the groto convention, when open house will be maintained. The trustees were authorized to borrow \$1,000 with which to finance the work.

Walter Hansen was elected president last evening. Other officers: Vice president—Henry Ehlman; Recording secretary—W. A. Klingebiel.

Corresponding secretary—Chester Oline. Financial secretary—H. F. Clausen.

Socialian—Henry Rachow. Turnwart—Henry Johnson and George Bicknell.

Trustees—Ed Vierich and Henry Kuehl.

## GERMAN CHILDREN ARE GRATEFUL TO AMERICAN QUAKERS

Berlin.—Millions of German children who suffered from hunger in the war time and afterward probably will remember the manna-like meals provided for them by the American Quakers long after they have forgotten the name of the American Friends' Service committee, the organization which fed them.

The budget committee of the reichstag recently approved an appropriation of 50,000 marks for the purchase of foodstuffs to continue the child-feeding program when the American supplies have been exhausted. These supplies are now expected to last until Sept. 30.

Dr. Bose, chairman of the German central committee for foreign relief, said the government had granted the full amount he requested for this purpose and the Quaker feeding so strongly gripped the popular mind that some members of the party of the left demanded the purchase of foodstuffs to Germany at the end of July after two and one-half years of relief work here.

The feature of the evening was a "Visit to the Cumaean Cave" which Frank Olt reviewed the history of the class during its career through the school. He paid tribute to E. P. Nutting, principal, to whom, he said, their successful completion of the work was due.

During the play, also, Evaline Laughman read the will, distributing the class's possessions to those remaining in school. Marguerite Beckwith, the Sibyl herself, foretold what lay before the individual members. Her Holt gave expression to a number of happy thoughts in rhyme.

The high school orchestra furnished music for the occasion and the class sang songs, composed by its members. Eva Hoffsted gave a violin solo and Beulah Meyers a whistling solo.

## ANGRY PRISONER PULLS DOOR OFF

(Special Moline Service.)  
If the East Moline police get many more prisoners as vicious as Theo DeVoss, who was in last night, East Moline will be minus a jail.

Theo was arrested on a charge of drunkenness. He didn't resist the idea of spending the night in jail, and during the struggle which took place when the police attempted to lock him up, the prisoner tore the screen door completely from its hinges. DeVoss will be required to pay for the damage.

## HILBERT GOES FREE; FOSTER IS CONVICTED

Jury Fastens Guilt for Robbery of Dr. Judson Long on One Defendant.

Edward Hilbert was acquitted of the robbery of Dr. Judson Long, East Moline, by the jury in circuit court yesterday afternoon, but Frank Foster was found guilty. Sentence of Foster was delayed pending consideration of counsel for the defense for a new trial.

The case went to the jury at 2:30 o'clock and the verdict was reached at 5 o'clock. Acquittal of Hilbert was expected, he having produced strong evidence tending to prove he was in Belmont, Iowa, at the time the crime was committed, Nov. 25.

The trial was the second of the May term for Foster. He and James Powers were previously acquitted of complicity in the holdup of the cashier of the Midland Ice & Fuel company, Moline, Nov. 19. Hilbert was also named in that indictment, but the charge against him was nolle prossed before the case came up for trial.

**Cannon Serving Time.**  
Dr. Long was robbed the night of Nov. 25, while responding to a "fake" call. In his testimony he identified Foster, Hilbert and John Cannon as his assailants. Cannon is serving sentence in Fort Madison, Iowa, penitentiary for a crime of which he was convicted in Scott county. All three defendants were residents of Davenport.

Hilbert has been in the county jail since his arrest early in March, result of a roundup of alleged bandits by Davenport police. He was released immediately after the verdict was announced.

## 'LIFE'S VOYAGE' GRADUATE TOPIC

Rev. John McGown Stevenson at Broadway to Address High School Seniors.

"The Voyage of Life" will be the subject of the commencement sermon to be given Sunday night in the Broadway Presbyterian church by Rev. John McGown Stevenson, pastor of the church. Services for the 143 graduates of the Rock Island high school will start at 7:30 o'clock. Following is the order of the program:

Organ prelude.  
Processional. "The God of Abraham Praise" (Leon).  
Hymn, "America."  
Invocation.  
Duetto, "Arioso, O Lord" (Huhn).  
Scripture.  
Prayer.

Trilo, "Meditation" (Bach-Gounod)—Violin, Miss Anna Marie Van Duzer; piano, Miss Elizabeth Olin. Organ, Miss Katherine E. Hymn, "The Son of God" (St. Anne).

Commencement sermon, "The Voyage of Life."  
Hymn, "Eternal Father."  
Benediction.  
Organ postlude.

At the morning services, "The Power of Stillness" will be the subject of Rev. Mr. Stevenson. The offertory duet, "The Lord is My Shepherd," will be sung. Everyone is invited to attend the services.

## WARREN FIRST IS MOST POPULAR OF MOLINE SENIORS

(Special Moline Service.)  
Warren First received the spoon of popularity at the Moline high school class day exercises last evening. The presentation was made by Clement O'Neill, who in turn was presented with the spoon of popularity. To Miss Josephine Garst went the Latin medal, won in competitive examinations.

O'Neill also presented the class' gift to the school, a large trophy case, which was accepted by Norah Aistland, junior president.

The valedictory and salutatory, delivered by Carol Cleaver and Josephine Garst, respectively, showed careful and thoughtful preparation.

The president's address by Edward Parsons was chiefly the expression of his appreciation of the help given the class by the faculty and of the cooperation shown him by his classmates.

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## ADVISOR GOING TO STATE CONFERENCE

Miss Lucile Allen, home advisor, will be absent from Rock Island from Wednesday until Saturday of next week, attending a home building conference at the University of Illinois.

The executive committee of the organization will meet in the bureau's headquarters in the State bank building Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

## MORTON SCHIFF IS DEFIANT IN MERGER PROBE

Refuses to Produce Documents in Case.

New York, June 3.—Mortimer L. Schiff of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. today declined to produce documents relating to the Republic-Midvale-Indian Steel merger, which the Rock-wood legislative committee ordered him to turn over to them. His refusal was based on a claim that the papers were private documents and that the committee had no power to acquire.

When Mr. Schiff sought to qualify his refusal by saying he would consult counsel about the advisability of complying with the request, Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the committee, asked if he would produce the papers if directed to do so by the committee chairman. "I won't decline, and I won't say 'yes,'" was the reply.

The papers merely dealt with matters of a private nature, earnings of the companies in the proposed merger and such subjects, he said.

**Morgan Not Consulted.**  
In negotiating the merger, the witness declared, he had not conferred with J. P. Morgan, or made any inquiries whether the merger would be agreeable to him or to the United States Steel corporation.

Thomas L. Chadbourne, counsel for the three steel companies during negotiations looking to their merger into the North American Steel company, was called to explain details of consolidation.

A subpoena was issued for Mr. Chadbourne yesterday, after Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the committee, had denounced the officials of the three companies for the manner of the announcement, and the fact that they had